

Remarks/Arguments

Entry of this preliminary amendment before examination is requested.


The specification is amended to indicate that it is a national phase of PCT application No. PCT/JP2004/016608, filed November 9, 2004, and claims priority in Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2003-382033, filed November 12, 2003, and 2004-113570, filed April 7, 2004.

Various minor errors in the specification are corrected. The abstract is amended for compliance with U.S. practice. Claims 1, 3 and 5-11 are amended, and claims 12-19 are added. Claims 1-19 are now pending.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned to resolve any issues associated with this preliminary amendment. Any fees due with this preliminary amendment may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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